

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:30

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen

Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Ted Pallas, Michael Dalzell

Public Present: Lois Carlson, Steve McCue, Dick Hoffman, Sally Hoffman, Mike Starck, Robin Trinko-Russell, Susan Sabre, Charlie Meech, Leslie Mack, Kristi Nichols, Sue Hartzell, Margretta Kusch, Julie Schmitt

I. Public Comment

Mike Starck read a letter into the record in which he favored "different conditions for the CUP [Conditional Use Permit] to upgrade Town Park: (a) include showers; (b) some expansion should be allowed on the west side of County H.

Mike Starck also read a letter into the record in which he favors allowing the Chequamegon Bay Chef's Exhibition to be held at Madeline Island School of the Arts [MISA]

Robin Trinko Russell read a letter into the record favoring granting MISA permission to host the Chef's Tasting

Steve McCue McHugh stated that he supports the Chamber of Commerce's effort to hold the Chef's Tasting at MISA; he also stated that he has been trying for weeks to get permission from James Price to put up a tent in which to hold classes.

Lois Carlson (Chamber Director) read a letter into the record urging the Town Board to help small businesses on the Island by granting MISA permission to host the Chef's Tasting. She asked that the Board members each state their reason for voting as they do on agenda item VIII.B.2.

Keith Sowl read a letter into the record in which he emphasized that changes to Big Bay Town Park are very low-impact and should be considered carefully by the Town Plan Commission. He also feels that the Town needs to help businesses that are low-impact economic factors.

Kristi Nichols stated that she would like the Town Board to work with small businesses on the Island, and help the Chamber by allowing the Chef's Tasting at MISA.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$21,420.98 BF/HR 5A MC

III. Treasurer's Report from 5/10/11 approved showing a total balance of \$1,498,678.95; a checking account balance of \$930,077.24 and available cash of \$997,365.92. BF/JP 5A MC

IV. Minutes

A. April 12, 2011 approved as amended JP/GN 4A 1 Ab [BF] MC

B. April 26, 2011 approved as submitted HR/LW 5A MC

C. May 10, 2011 approved as submitted JP/GN 3A 2 Ab [BF, HR] MC

V. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Inline Skate Marathon: motion to support & agree with the conditions stated in the letter of May 12, 2011 which was sent to Ashland County. BF/HR 5A MC Lois Carlson reported that the first batch of letters went out this week, and that the MRF will be open from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

2. Approval of the CEDS list: Motion to approve with one modification: the new community center should have its own line. LW/JP 5A MC

3. Letter from Dorothy Tank RE: Meeting on June 2, 2011: discussion regarding who will and will not be attending this meeting.

B. Parks

1. Letter from Patty Anderson RE: Friday & Saturday evenings at the Rec Center for young adults: the Town Board declined to act.

2. Big Bay Town Park Conditional Use Permit: postponed till a Special Town Board Meeting set for June 10, 2011, immediately following the Special Town Meeting on this subject.

3. Hiring of Parks Parks Assistant/Labor: motion to hire Merrill Grey at a rate of \$12 an hour, starting on May 25, 2011, with hours not to exceed 1040. HR/LW 5A MC

C. Airport

1. Airport Inspections dated 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, /15 & 5/22, 2011

2. Airport Manager's Monthly Report

both placed on file by unanimous consent

D. Harbors

1. Dock Lease with C.A. Nelson & Son approved by motion at a rate of \$1168.17. BF/LW 4A 1 Ab [GN] MC

VI. Library

- A. Library Board Minutes not available
- B. Library Accessory Structure: discussion regarding process. The library will need to get an approved CSM once two town-owned parcels are combined.

VII. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Department
 - 1. Fire Chief's Report: placed on file by unanimous consent
 - 2. Propane Tank Inspections & fees: waiting for Mike Fauerbach, Town Attorney

VIII. Committees

- A. Zoning
 - 1. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Member: none applied
 - 2. Chequamegon Bay Area Chef's Tasting: much discussion [requesting that the Chef's Tasting be held at Madeline Island School of the Arts]. No action was taken due to the language of the agenda.
- B. CAPP
 - 1. Community Awards Program
 - a. By-laws of the Community Awards Committee: sent back to CAPP for requested revisions.
 - b. Resolution #2011-0524 Creating a Community Awards Program: no action taken.

IX. Town Hall Administration

- A. Administrative Assistant's Report placed on file by unanimous consent
- B. Windsled Repairs: waiting to hear from Acting Superintendent Mitchell
- C. Transient Merchant License awaiting word from Mike Fauerbach
- D. Charges for Ice Rescue: not signed due to wording of agenda.
- E. Service Contracts expiring June 30, 2011
 - 1. Propane Provider postponed; however, Greg Nelson did state that he thought the Town's intention is to piggyback off the state.
 - 2. Septic Waste Removal: needs clarification from Keith Sowl, Town Foreman
- F. Monthly Budget Report: approved at the last meeting.

X. Lawsuits & Legal

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Propane Tank Inspections
- B. Liquor, Soda, Operator's Licenses
- C. Resolution #2011-0614 Charges for ice rescue
- D. Amending of Fee Schedule to include fee for ice rescue
- E. Propane & Septic Contract renewal
- F. Merchant License
- G. Repairs to windsled

XII. Adjournment at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as amended on 6/14/11. Changes struck through; additions in bold, italics & underlined.
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk